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1. GSA IS AUTHORIZED A COMBINED LIMIT FOR BOTH HIGH-GRADE AND LOW-GRADE WOLFRAMITE DISPOSALS IN FY 77 OF 4,650 TONS. OFFERINGS OF HIGH-GRADE WOLFRAMITE (65 PERCENT CONCENTRATE OR MORE) ARE MADE EVERY MONTH; REGULAR MONTHLY OFFERINGS OF LOW-GRADE ORE (LESS THAN 65 PERCENT CONCENTRATE) BEGAN THIS MONTH. LARGEST RECENT SALE OCCURRED ON FEB. 22, 1977, WHEN GSA DISPOSED OF 457,487 POUNDS OF HIGH GRADE ORE.

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2. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS NOT RPT NOT MADE ANY RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN MOLLOHAN'S BILL (H.R. 2723), WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE GSA SALES OF 30,000 TONS OF TIN. DURING THE PRESIDENT'S MORATORIUM ON STOCKPILE DISPOSALS AND ACQUISITIONS, STOCKPILE POLICIES AND GOALS ARE TO BE CAREFULLY REVIEWED. NO CONCLUSIONS HAVE YET BEEN REACHED.

3. CONGRESSMAN MOLLOHAN'S BILL, INTRODUCED ON JAN. 31, HAS BEEN REFERRED TO SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEA POWER AND STRATEGIC CRITICAL MATERIALS OF ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE. AS YET, NO DATES HAVE BEEN SET FOR HEARINGS NOR HAS ADMINISTRATION BEEN ASKED TO GIVE ITS VIEWS.

4. BEGIN LOU FYI ONLY. ANALYSIS OF TIN MARKET INDICATES THAT DEPLETION OF INTERNATIONAL BUFFER STOCK AND THE PRESENT MORATORIUM ON GSA DISPOSALS CONTRIBUTE TO A CONDITION OF HIGH PRICE CERTAINTY WHICH MAY ENCOURAGE DESTABILIZING SPECULATION. AUTHORIZATION FOR GSA SALES OF 30,000 TONS OF TIN COULD RE-ESTABLISH A MORE NEARLY NORMAL DEGREE OF MARKET UNCERTAINTY AND REMOVE ARTIFICIAL INCENTIVE FOR SPECULATORS TO HOLD SUPPLIES OFF MARKET IN EXPECTATION OF HIGHER PRICES. AT THIS POINT DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN NO POSITION ON MOLLOHAN BILL.
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